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This resignation accepted to be effective on 4 July '65.
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W. F. Raborn, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

It is with regret that I submit my resignation from the Central Intelligence Agency with the request that it be effective at your early convenience, but preferably not later than July 4th.

I have reached the decision to leave the government and terminate 22 years in intelligence work, including service with CIA since its creation, only after the most painful soul-searching. It is most difficult to leave an organization which has been so much a part of my life for nearly 18 years and to leave associates who mean so much to me.

I made the decision because Brown University has paid me the honor of appointing me to a University Professorship in the field of political science, giving me the opportunity for teaching and research to which I have long aspired.

I am proud to have been associated with the Central Intelligence Agency over these years and to have seen it develop into the finest organization of its kind in the world. It will always have my unflagging support and affection. Needless to say, I will always stand ready to assist you and Dick Helms, my associate for more than two decades, in any way I can compatible with my new life in the academic world.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

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